

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. ACX-103CN5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S):

Lazarus et al.

SERIAL NO.:

Not yet assigned

GROUP NO.:

Not yet assigned

FILING DATE:

Herewith

EXAMINER:

Not yet assigned

TITLE:

Packaged Strain Actuator

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references are not enclosed as these references were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the parent application U.S.S.N. 08/943,646, and the prior application is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

(1)	within three (3) months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the first Office action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or
(2)	after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
	the requisite Statement is below, OR
	the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely \$180.00, is included herein, or



Information Disclosure Statement Serial No. Not yet assigned Page 2 of 2

	(3)	after the mailing date of a final action or notice of allowance but before the payment of the issue fee, AND
		the requisite Statement is below, AND
		the requisite petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely \$180.00 is included herein.
	-	Fully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form ther information contained herein, be made of record in this application.
		STATEMENT
As	required	under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either tha
[check tl	he appro	priate space only if either (2) or (3) is checked on the previous page and the
Stateme	nt is req	uired]:
[1	Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or
]		No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing this Statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information

Disclosure Statement.

Date: 4/18/01 Reg. No. 43,526

Tel. No.: (617) 248-7476 Fax No.: (617) 790-0046

2073283

Respectfully submitted,

Vennifer A. Camacho
Attorney for Applicant(s)

Testa, Hurwitz, & Thibeault, LLP

High Street Tower

125 High Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02110